

The LHC Veterans Treatment Court Monthly Newsletter dedicated to having the Six of every Justice Involved Veteran

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# **Upcoming Veteran Court Events**

# **Vet Court Family Day**

To honor our Justice Involved Veterans, Graduates and their families, we are excited to announce our...



2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Veterans Court Family Day

July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016 12:00pm – 4:00pm Relics and Rods Hall LHC Aquatics Center

BBQ food, live entertainment, Kid Zone, Veteran Booths & More!

# Local Veteran Events

The Lake Havasu City Veterans Court was pleased to be the recipient of a grant from the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) for the use of SCRAM, a continuous alcohol monitoring system, to help ensure the sobriety of our Justice Involved Veterans.





Pictured (left to right):
Former DAV Chapter 27 Commander
Bud Watts
Current DAV Chapter 27 Commander
Kerry Schreffler
Lake Havasu City Veterans Treatment Court
Judge Mitchell Kalauli

# The Graduate Review Board

### **Branch of Service**



### **VTC Graduation Date**

October 9, 2015

## VTC Experience:

As a Graduate of the Lake Havasu City Veterans Court, I can tell you that this program really makes a difference. From my first day at court to my Graduation Day, I was surrounded by people that genuinely cared about me, the Veteran. Not all of us served in the same department, but we are all Veterans and the personnel at the Lake Havasu City Veterans Court are there for you. They set up personalized treatment plans suited for each Veteran. This—coupled with sobriety, counseling, group events, and workshops focused on getting you back on the right track—is very beneficial.

They strive to try and identify what got you there and how not to make those same mistakes again. I really believe that going through the Veterans Court program is much more beneficial than a regular court where you are just a case number.

It is much, much more.

Sincerely,
A Proud Marine Corps Veteran and
LHC Vet Court Graduate

# Kingman Vet Court

# **Upcoming Veterans Court Dates**

Kingman Municipal Court

Veterans Court July 13<sup>th</sup> and July 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm

Veterans Resource Team July 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm

# Kingman Mentor Corps

Kingman Veterans Treatment Court is proud to announce their Mentor Corps. Nine Veterans took the Mentor Oath on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. The mission of VTC Mentors is to serve their Justice Involved Veterans by being a source of positivity, moral support, and guidance as they work toward successfully completing the VTC program.

If you, or any Veteran you know, is interested in becoming a Mentor, please contact:

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# Spotlight On:

Legal Services



The Arizona Bar Foundation, in conjunction with the Arizona Supreme Court, introduced Arizonans to <a href="www.lawforveterans.org">www.lawforveterans.org</a> in October of 2013.

The Arizona Supreme Court saw a need for legal information and resources to be online as a clearing house for Veterans. Since that time, Law for Veterans has served over 10,000 Veterans with information on attorneys; as well as articles, Veterans' courts, and other resources.

Aside from going online, you may also contact their Legal Learn number (866-637-5341) for a listing of attorneys that will provide a one hour consultation for free in areas such as: Benefits, Housing (both foreclosures and landlord/tenant), family law, consumer law, finance and banking, and other areas of the law.

Veterans are screened using the 150% of the poverty guidelines and are given an identification number to give the attorney. If the attorney takes the case he/she will continue to work on the case pro bono.

While not everyone may qualify, Law for Veterans is a service that strives to assist every Veteran.

# This Month in U.S. Military History

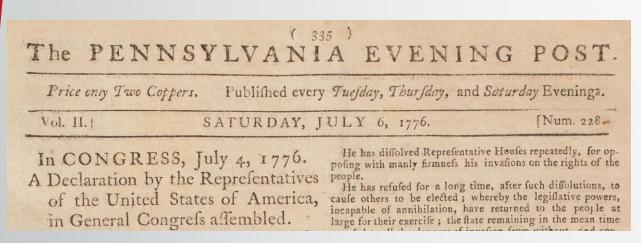
# Independence Day Fast Facts

The Declaration of Independence wasn't unanimously signed by all 56 delegates at one time. The majority actually signed on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1776 and the last signature, Thomas Mckean's, wasn't recorded until sometime in 1781. Of those 56 signers, 8 were born outside North America.



On July 4th, 1776 the Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written largely by Jefferson. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, from then on the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

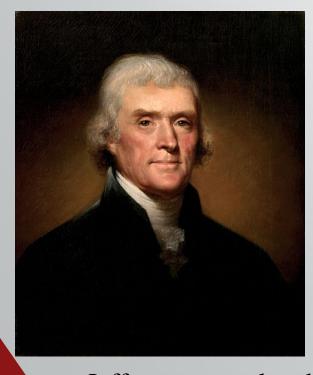
The average age of those who signed the Declaration of Independence was 45. The youngest at age 27, was Thomas Lynch, Jr of South Carolina. The oldest delegate was Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania at age 70. Thomas Jefferson was 33.



The Pennsylvania Evening Post was the first newspaper to print the Declaration of Independence on July 6th, 1776. This served as both notice and explanation to the public for the need to declare independence from Great Britain.



Fireworks were first used in celebration of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in 1777 to mark the first anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.



**Thomas** Jefferson changed the wording of the Declaration of Independence from "the pursuit of Property" to "the pursuit of Happiness."

Jefferson was also the first U.S. President to celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July at the White House.

John Adams believed that July 2nd was the correct date on which to celebrate the birth of American independence, and would reportedly

turn down invitations to appear

at July 4th events in protest. Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826 the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

#### 2.5 Million

The population of the Colonies at the time the Declaration of Independence was signed.

# This Month in U.S. Military History

## Independence Day Word Search

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# Judge K's Corner

Honesty is an essential building block of treatment and is crucial to the recovery process.

—Judge Kalauli



## **Recruiting Mentors**

We want **YOU** to be involved in our LHC Veterans Treatment Court Mentor Program!!!

# **Bring Support to Veterans Court**

Family and Friends are always welcome at our Veterans Treatment Court Hearings. We firmly believe it is their involvement that helps with the recovery process.

To encourage Family and Friends involvement, for every one person a Justice Involved Veteran brings to court, they will receive a ticket to be placed into a raffle.



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